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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION AT U. S. EMBASSY

1. AT THREE P. M. MAY 30 A CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDRED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MARCHED TO THE EMBASSY AND STAGED A DEMONSTRATION ON THE MAIN STREET FLANKING THE EMBASSY BUILDING. THE STUDENTS CHANTED SLOGANS HAILING THE VICTORY OF COMMUNIST FORCES IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM AND SANG "THE INTERNATIONALE". ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS MADE A SHORT SPEECH CONDEMNING THE U. S. FOR CAUSING THE DEATHS OF HUNDRED OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN INDOCHINA. HE ALSO REFERRED TO CIA ACTIVITIES. THE ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION LASTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR AND CAUSED NO DAMAGE OR DISRUPTION TO EMBASSY OPERATIONS.

2. THE DEMONSTRATION MAY HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY STUDENT ANGER OVER THE ARMY EXPULSION OF INTERNS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM A DOWNTOWN HOSPITAL THE NIGHT BEFORE. A FEW DAYS EARLIER THE HOSPITAL HAD BEEN SEIZED BY THE INTERN
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AND STUDENTS WHO DEMANDED THAT THE HOSPITAL BE TURNED

OVER TO THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED
ON THE EVENING OF MAY 29 WHICH MET MOST OF THE DEMANDS,
BUT THE INTERN AND STUDENTS STILL REFUSED TO LEAVE THE
HOSPITAL. AFTER WAITING 20 MINUTES THE ARMY MOVED IN TO
EFFECT THE EXPULSION.

3. JUST PRIOR TO MARCHING TO THE EMBASSY THE STUDENTS
HAD DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE JAIL HOLDING 350 PERSONS
DETAINED DURING THE CLEARING OF THE
HOSPITAL GROUNDS. STUDENTS AGITATORS WERE APPARENTLY
ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNREST AND TURN IT INTO
A HOSTILITY ORGANIZED ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATION.
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